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REINSTATEMENT OF GSA'S MATERIAL RETURNS PROGRAM (MRP)

In September of 1999 the General Services Administration discontinued its Material Returns Program in anticipation of depot closures. Due to a change in our depot closure plans, the Material Returns Program was reactivated on January 15, 2001. This program provides a means by which customer agencies with excess quantities of GSA-managed items, can return them to GSA for credit.

Excess GSA stock items for which your agency has no foreseeable use may be eligible for return to GSA, provided the following conditions are met:

- ✓ The minimum dollar value per line item based on current GSA price is \$450 for all Federal Supply Groups or Classes except FSG 51 and 52. FSGs 51 and 52 have a minimum of \$130.
- ✓ Items for return are not FSG 89 or FSCs 2610, 5180, 6630, 6640, 7540, 8010, 8030, 8040, or 8115. These items are not authorized for return; they should be considered excess and processed in accordance with Federal Management Regulations.
- ✓ Items do not have a limited shelf-life.

- ✓ Items are not coded "terminated" or discontinued".
- ✓ Items are either condition code "A" or "E". Condition Code "A" (new) items will be granted a credit of 80% of the current GSA cost price when received. Condition Code "E" items will be granted a credit of 60% of the current GSA cost price.

Prepare offers to return excess material in accordance with Chapter 4 of the FEDSTRIP Operating Guide or Chapter 9 of MILSTRIP (DOD 4000.25-I-M). For additional information on this issue, you may contact the Supply Management Division (FCSI) at (703) 305-7473.

Recently requisitioned material, ordered/shipped in error by GSA, may still be returned under the Merchandise Return Authorization (MRA) Program. You may contact GSA's National Customer Service Center for instructions on how to proceed. The address and phone number are:

GSA/FSS/6FR 1500 East Bannister Road Kansas City, MO 64131-3088

Telephone: 1-800-488-3111 or DSN 465-1416

Please pass this information to anyone in your organization who could be benefit by use of this program.

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